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CARGO BLAZES IN HOLD OF MAUNA KEA

MAY HAVE TO SINK SHIP AT HER WHARF IN HILO

Two Hundred And Fifty Barrels of Lime Burning—Inter-Island Company Rushes The Steamer Kilauea, to Carry Passengers of Unlucky Vessel Back to Honolulu

(Wireless to the Star-Bulletin.)
HILO, Feb. 17.—Starting in the forehold of the Inter-Island steamer Mauna Kea, late last Saturday night, 250 barrels of lime are burning hotly this morning, and it may become necessary to sink the ship at her wharf here. The company, notified of the blaze, has ordered the Kilauea here to take the passengers of the unlucky ship back to Honolulu. No estimate of the amount of damage done to the Mauna Kea can be made until the fire has been extinguished.

A fire is burning in the hold of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation liner Mauna Kea now at Hilo, caused by the stacking of a large shipment of Hawaiian lime.

At eight o'clock this morning the situation remained unchanged according to a wireless message received by President and General Manager James A. Kennedy.

Between three and four hundred barrels of the lime loaded aboard the vessel at Honolulu caught fire late Sunday night and despite the efforts of the officers and crew, is said to have gained considerable headway.

The lime is stored in the forward hold of the Mauna Kea. Orders were issued this morning for the dispatch of the steamer Kilauea for Hilo, the vessel sailing for the Hawaii port at noon today. The Kilauea will reach Hilo at an early hour tomorrow morning, and take all passengers booked for Honolulu in the Mauna Kea. The Kilauea should arrive here Tuesday afternoon in ample time for transhipment of passengers and mails to the Matson Navigation liner Lurline scheduled to sail for San Francisco at six o'clock tomorrow evening.

Details concerning the fire thus far received here are extremely meager. To cope with a lime fire on board a vessel is considered in shipping circles a most difficult operation. Water or steam is being used to fight the fire now smoldering below the hatches in the Inter-Island steamer.

It is the intention to flood the forward hold of the Mauna Kea with water sufficient to speedily slack all lime contained therein. To complete the work may require considerable time. The vessel is pronounced in no immediate danger, the trouble being confined entirely to the compartment holding the lime.

The Mauna Kea was to have returned to Honolulu early tomorrow morning, and prepare for sailing for regular ports of call on Maui and Hawaii at ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

FREAR'S MESSAGE WILL BREAK ALL DISTANCE MARKS

With a final burst of energy that kept himself and two stenographers busy from 9 o'clock Sunday morning until 1 o'clock this morning Governor Frear today finished his general message to the legislature and placed it in the hands of the printers. While its character in detail will not be known until the document is placed before the lawmakers at noon on Wednesday, enough has been learned of the subject to warrant the hint that his communication will prove one of the most remarkable of its kind seen here in many years.

For the last two or three months this message has occupied the governor's attention during his spare moments since his return from the vacation trip to Midway Island it has been continually before him, while during the last week he has done virtually no other work or thought of anything but the message.

The result is a voluminous compendium, covering several hundred typewritten pages, with a survey of such breadth that practically every feature of activity in the islands, conceived, projected or historical has been mentioned.

Briefly, it is divided into fifteen different topics, such as administrative, financial, judicial, legislative, homesteading, etc., with a host of sub-topics.

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CHONG BROUGHT BACK, SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED

Goo Tai Chong, former president of the Liberty Theatre Company, and teller with the First American Savings and Trust Company, who was alleged to have left the islands for Japan with savings bank funds, has been brought back to Honolulu. He is said to have confessed his guilt.

Chong was an arrival today by the Pacific Mail liner Persia, in company with Chief of Detectives Arthur McDuffie.

"Chong was tracked to Yokohama and Kobe by McDuffie, who followed the fugitive in the liner Siberia. 'Chong accompanies me to Honolulu,' declared Chief McDuffie this afternoon upon his arrival from the Far East.

"I was taking no chances in bringing back the much wanted man, and Chong was to all intents and purposes a prisoner during the ten days' voyage across the Pacific."

The young Chinese businessman was kept to his stateroom except at such times as McDuffie, as his custodian and guardian, elected him to take needed exercise.

"Chong is alleged to have admitted to the Japanese authorities that his pecuniary loss reached a figure totaling close upon fifty thousand dollars. He is further said to have admitted that a considerable portion of this money was invested in moving picture films, that were ordered and shipped from the coast and forwarded to the Japan and China coast, there to be used by a string of photo-play houses.

According to McDuffie, who returns looking the picture of health after his three months' sojourn in Japan, Chong proved a very tractable prisoner.

"I reached Japan just in the nick of time," insisted McDuffie. "The authorities were on the point of releasing Chong, as they claimed that they found nothing upon the man by which he could be identified as the person wanted by the Honolulu bankers."

"While on the steamer going to China Chong is said to have destroyed all evidence through which he might have been accused of having taken funds belonging to the institution."

Chong was lodged in the city and county jail this afternoon, thus ending a rumor that upon his landing an attorney would attempt to secure his freedom on a writ of habeas corpus.

Secretary W. L. Johnson, assistant physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association, announced this morning that today and tomorrow will be the last two days in which the entrants in the Grammar School track meet will have a chance to weigh in. The scales are located in the physical director's office at the association and all entrants are requested to weigh in before tomorrow night.

DRYDOCK SECTION PUMPED;
BOTTOM HOLDS PERFECTLY

There is now no further doubt as to the success of the concrete bottom of the big Pearl Harbor drydock. Section No. 2, on which the pumps have been working for five days past, was practically emptied this morning, without a sign of the bottom's rising or breaking. This is assurance that the concrete mixture which was finally evolved after hundreds of experiments, has done the work, and that it hardened under water when laid by the Tremie sets.

It is more than a year ago that the first section was partially pumped and it was found that the bottom was not holding, and that the concrete used was not the right mixture. For months the navy engineers and the drydock contractors worked on the problem, and today's showing vindicated the results of their work.

PRESIDENT TAFT ASSURED MADERO OF FRIENDSHIP

SPANISH CONSUL'S NAME USED TO HIDE OPIUM SMUGGLING?

Daring Plot Uncovered by Federal Officials and Seventeen Tins Seized—Barber Figures as an Innocent Center of Excitement About the Case

A high-handed and ingenious plot to smuggle opium into Honolulu, by using the name and position of a high official of a foreign government as a cloak for the alleged transaction, was uncovered this morning. In daring and cool impudence, the plan surpasses any of the schemes attempted heretofore to smuggle the poppy product through this port.

While United States District Attorney Breckons refused to give out any of the details of the seizure, or to admit that any arrest had been made, he was in conference with Collector of the Port Stackable this afternoon, and when asked to confirm details stated that he had only heard of the matter a few moments before, and could not possibly say anything until he had acquainted himself with the facts as known.

It is said that the person, or group of persons who tried to put through the deal collected seventeen tins of contraband dope and left the same in a package done up in newspaper, and alleged to be addressed to the Spanish consul general, Senor Ignacio de Arana. The daring fraud, according to the whispers that went the rounds of officialdom, was exposed through the agency of Joseph Fernandez, of the Silent barber shop, and the police put on the track by him.

"I have nothing to say about this," said Mr. Fernandez. "I have told the proper authorities, and they asked me to say nothing at all until they could make investigations. It might block their work if I spoke for the papers."

Consul-general Arana could not be found at his office this afternoon. Federal authorities stated this afternoon that any report connecting the name of the Spanish consul with the affair, tending to reflect on his action in any way would be absolutely wrong. They asserted their conviction that his connection or action was only as the consular agent of a foreign government and that he was ignorant of the apparent attempt to smuggle the contraband.

The report is that Pedro Bernard, one of the barbers at Fernandez' shop on Hotel street this morning, drew a package from the Wells-Fargo express office, on a card handed him by the consul. One of those with whom Bernard discussed the affair later, said

that Bernard claimed he believed the package contained some reading material from Spain. On opening it, after luncheon, he found a number of magazines, but at the bottom discovered the mysterious small boxes, wrapped in Chinese newspapers. At first he thought these were Spanish playing cards, but the Chinese papers aroused his curiosity, and he carried one of the boxes out into the shop and displayed it to Pacheco. The latter opened it and disclosed the poppy juice.

Astounded by their discovery, the pair carried the entire package to the pharmacy nearby, where they phoned to E. R. Stackable, informing him of their find.

It is understood Bernard claims he was first notified on Saturday that the package awaited him at the express office. He is said to claim that a young woman with whom he has been keeping company told him that the Spanish consul had informed her the package was awaiting Bernard's call. He said today he thought nothing more of it until the consul called on him at the barber shop this morning.

MISS VIRGIE SILVA, of Waimea, Kauai, has been named as the Garden Island's representative in the Princess section of the 1913 Floral Parade, and a wireless message informing her of her appointment went today.

All of the island princesses have now been named except the young lady for Molokai. Miss Annabelle Munday will represent Oahu, Miss Wilhelmina Weight, Hawaii, and Mrs. Hannah Morton, Maui.

The princess section will be one of the big features of the Floral Parade. It is regarded generally as the most picturesque section of the procession.

Two "insurgent" movements in the ranks of the legislators gathering here for the 1913 session developed over Sunday in an unmistakable manner. A fight is on against Eric Knudsen, senator from Kauai, as president of the senate and another fight is on against H. L. Holstein, representative from Hawaii, as speaker of the house.

Senator Cecil Brown of Oahu is being put forward by some of his friends for president of the senate, and this morning several of these friends expressed themselves as confident of his success. George P. Cooke, of Molokai, though usually counted in with the Maui delegation is the man spoken of as a possible contestant for speaker of the house. Though he may be given some strong support, no certainty has been shown that he can defeat the veteran Holstein.

The "insurgents" are busy as bees today laying their lines for a combination of forces, and it is significant that right at the start there is evident a plan to swing the Democratic members of the senate and house in on some kind of an agreement that will insure the insurgent movement going through. In fact, with a split in Republican ranks over these offices, the Democrats hold the balance of power and their assistance will be a big factor.

The Democrats realize their importance at this juncture, too, and this morning a caucus of the Bourbons was held in Democratic headquarters. While no definite statement of what the Democrats want can be made until tonight's or tomorrow's conferences are concluded, it is certain that the minority party will ask some fat committee assignments before it will enter into any agreement to trade its voting strength to one of the other Republican faction. It is said that the Democratic senators will support Brown if the Bourbons are assured of the chairmanship of the judiciary committee, the public

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PERSIA OFFICER UNCONSCIOUS FROM FALL

Chief Officer A. H. George, for years identified with the Pacific Mail service and of late with the steamer Persia, is returning to the mainland for expert medical treatment as a passenger in that vessel, the man being wholly unconscious, through a fall of eighteen feet from a lower deck to the bottom of the hold.

Chief Officer George is the victim of an accident that occurred while the Persia was laying off Woosung, China, awaiting the lifting of the fog in order that the vessel could take on passengers and land cargo destined for Shanghai, some sixteen miles away. George was assisting a carpenter in the preparation of a chute for the handling of freight.

He had descended to the main deck, bearing a lighted candle, when without a note of warning the popular officer was precipitated through a forward hatch to the bottom of the ship, a distance of nearly twenty feet.

George struck upon his head, resulting in a serious fracture of the base of the skull and causing concussion of the brain.

That the man is alive today is considered in the light of a miracle. Save for the unfortunate mental condition, George is apparently sound physically and enjoying good health. In falling through the hatch the officer is declared to have sustained no other injuries than those to his head.

George was taken to the Shanghai general hospital where he underwent an operation for rebraining. From the moment that he had dropped to the Persia's lower hold until the present date, the officer remembers nothing concerning what happened. He is said to have fully recovered from all effects of the fall save the complete loss of memory.

The Persia's officer is to be taken to San Francisco and there may again go under an operation at the hands of one of the best medical experts on the coast.

His shipmates are confident that the man will completely recover, though it is believed that it will be some months hence before the officer is himself again.

A petition has been filed in the court of land registration by the Hawaiian Trust Company, as trustee for the estate of George Galbraith, to register and confirm title in 2251.8 acres of land at Wahiawa and Kemoo, Waialua, assessed at \$105,000.

"Insurgents" Start Two Lively Fights

SENATOR HEWITT ABLE TO ATTEND

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless)
HILO, Hawaii, Feb. 17.—Senator George C. Hewitt, of Hawaii, who has been so ill that it was feared he could not attend the opening of the legislature, is booked to leave today on the Kilauea if this vessel takes the Mauna Kea's place. Senator Hewitt is recovering and expects to be able to stay through the session.

To tourists and other visitors:
I beg to extend to you Honolulu's cordial invitation to take part in the celebration of our great national holiday, the birthday of George Washington. The plans call for almost a week of celebration, beginning February 18, and ending with a grand patriotic demonstration on February 22d, when there will be a military parade in which probably about 5000 soldiers will take part and a floral parade arranged by the people of the territory. It will consist of decorated automobiles, horse-driven floats, etc.
Your participation in the patriotic celebration, especially by an entry in the parade, will be much appreciated by the people of Hawaii, our country's only remaining territory, which has chosen the birthday of Washington as its principal annual holiday.
(Signed) Chas. F. Chillingworth, Director-General.

"PARAMOUNT DUTY TO RELIEVE SITUATION"

In Cable Message to Mexico White House Says That "Further Assurance of Patience And Good Will Are Not Necessary"—Two Thousand Marines Gathered at Philadelphia Prepared to Sail at Once For Guantanamo—Censorship Causing Additional Anxiety

(Associated Press Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—In a formal cabled reply to the message from President Madero Mr. Taft today declared that it is not necessary again for the United States to reiterate its assurance of good-will to the present government of Mexico. The chief executive adds that he believes, in view of the present situation, coming as it does as a climax to nearly two years of constant disturbances, that "the paramount duty of both countries is to find some prompt relief to the situation."

The message says:
"Fresh assurances of the friendship of this country for Mexico, must surely be unnecessary after two years of continuous proof of the patience and good will which the United States has for your country."
"In reciprocating the anxiety shown by your excellency's message to me, I feel it my duty to add, sincerely, and without reserve, that the course of events for the past two years, culminating as they have done, in the present dangerous situation, creates in this country, the most extreme pessimism, and the conviction that the present paramount duty of both countries is to find some prompt relief of the situation."

This message is taken to mean that the President will stand fast in his expressed determination not to permit intervention in Mexico, unless the situation of Americans should become far worse than at present reported.

Speaking of the need of intervention this morning Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate, declared that as yet there is nothing in the situation in the City of Mexico to warrant armed intervention. He added, however, that he believes that the war department has completed all preparations for sending a sufficient body of men to Mexico should developments warrant it.

Two thousand marines have been gathered at Philadelphia, and are now ready to be sent to Guantanamo should their presence there be found needed. More could be added if needed.

Much anxiety is being felt over the strict censorship that has been imposed by Federal and Rebels at Mexico City. It is felt that the embassy is practically cut off from the world, and if this should prove to be the case it will be come necessary to re-open communications instanter, at no matter what cost.

FIERCE FIGHTING RESUMED

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17.—Fierce fighting has been resumed here. The rebels attacked the federals when they found that the latter were making use of the armistice to shift the position of their batteries and to plant mines in the streets leading to the arsenal. This is apparent that the Madero forces are running short of ammunition, but Diaz seems to be still plentifully supplied. The censorship is even stricter than at first, and the censor is rigidly withholding all details of the fighting.

Dispatches from Chihuahua announce that the federalists last night captured and executed twenty rebels, without giving them a trial. They were lined up in accordance with the custom of Mexico, and shot. The town of Matamoros has been occupied by the rebels, and the federalists have been forced to swear allegiance to Diaz, after which they were freed.

ROOT'S AMENDMENT TABLED

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The canal committee today tabled Senator Root's bill, calling for the repeal of the measure allowing coastwise American ships to use the Panama canal free of tolls. The vote on the measure was seven to three. It is understood that Mr. Root will try again to get the canal bill before congress.

CASH REGISTER OFFICIALS SENTENCED

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 17.—John Petersen, president of the National cash register company, and 28 other officials of the corporation, were sentenced today to one year's imprisonment and to pay fines of \$5000 each. The charge upon which the company officers was convicted was that of criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

SOLDIERS ATTACK ENVER BEY

(Associated Press Cable)
LONDON, Feb. 17.—Dispatches from Constantinople today report that the Turkish garrison in that city has risen against Enver Bey, and last night made an effort to assassinate him. Enver Bey managed to escape with nothing more serious than a severe wound. The city is reported in the grasp of rioters, and calls for military assistance have been sent to the army.

YAMAMOTO IN FIERCE FIGHT

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 17.—Prime Minister Yamamoto is in the throes of a fierce fight with the constitutionalists. The latter party has decided that it will not support the measures proposed by the premier.

J. P. MORGAN REPORTED ILL

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The stock market here was thrown into a panic for a time today by the announcement of the serious illness of J. P. Morgan, now at Cairo, Egypt. Mr. Morgan is reported to have suffered from acute indigestion. Later reports of his steady improvement stilled the fears of the brokers and the market rallied.

Freitas and Fernandez were the successful bidders for the construction of the National Guard armory at Lahaina, Maui, proposals for which were opened at noon today in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works. The firm submitted four separate sets of figures, based on certain modifications of the original plan called for in the specifications, and the lowest figure, \$9,556, was accepted.

The only other bidder was De Fries, who submitted two bids of \$15,225 and \$13,124 respectively.
Frank Silva, a laborer at Fort Armstrong, had the fingers of his right hand crushed this morning while engaged in moving a number of paving blocks. He was removed to the Queen's Hospital in the police ambulance.